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Applicants: Tsukasa YAMAMOTO et al.	Art Unit: 3628
Serial No.: 09/221,656	Examiner: F. Poinvil
Filed: December 23, 1998	
Title: PRODUCTION SYSTEM FOR RETAIL GOODS AND A RAW MATERIAL ORDERING SYSTEM	

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**STATUS INQUIRY LETTER**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

We filed a Petition to Revive Unintentionally Abandoned Patent Application Under 37 CFR 1.137(b) along with an Amendment on August 6, 2003. The Petition was granted on October 24, 2003. (Copy of the Decision on the Petition is attached hereto).

As of this date, we have not received a Supplemental Office Action from the Patent Office. Kindly advise us of the status of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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In re Application of
Tsukasa Yamamoto et al.
Application No. 09/221,656
Filed: December 23, 1998
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ON PETITION


This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) filed August 8, 2003, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is GRANTED.

The above-identified application became abandoned as a result of petitioner's failure to file an appeal brief (and fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(c)) within the time period provided in 37 CFR 1.192(a). As an appeal brief (and appeal brief fee) was not filed within two (2) months of the Notice of Appeal filed January 23, 2002, certificate of mailing dated November 8, 2001, and no extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained, the appeal was dismissed and the proceedings as to the rejected claims were terminated. See 37 CFR 1.192(b) & 1.197(c). As no claim was allowed, the above-identified application became abandoned on January 9, 2002. See MPEP 1215.04.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Latrice Bond at (703) 308-6911.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center AU 3628.


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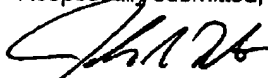
•Comments:

Examiner Poinvil:

Please find attached the following documents for the above-identified application:

1. Status Inquiry letter; and
2. Copy of the Decision on the Petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b).

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